

House Bill 187

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Coan of the 101st, Reese of the 98th, and Sheldon of the 105th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-10-24.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstructing or hindering persons making emergency telephone calls, so as to provide that commission of such an offense involving violence to the person of another shall constitute a felony; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 16-10-24.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstructing or hindering persons making emergency telephone calls, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"16-10-24.3.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, any Any person who ~~verbally or physically~~ knowingly and willfully obstructs, prevents, or hinders another person ~~with intent to cause or allow physical harm or injury to another person~~ from making or completing a 911 telephone call or a call to any law enforcement agency to request police protection or to report the commission of a crime is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both.

(b) Whoever knowingly and willfully obstructs, prevents, or hinders another person from making or completing a 911 telephone call or a call to any law enforcement agency to request police protection or to report the commission of a crime by offering or doing violence to the person attempting to make such a call is guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.